

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 3, please insert:

This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/363,655, filed July 30, 1999.

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 18-26 of the specification as follows:

--2. the outline tracing type, whereby an operator sequentially traces the outline of an object and extracts the object along a tracing locus, whereby an edge is detected in the vicinity of the tracing locus and an object is extracted along the edge, or whereby an operator enters dots at necessary points along the outline of an object and extracts the object by connecting the points with straight lines or by detecting the edge.